

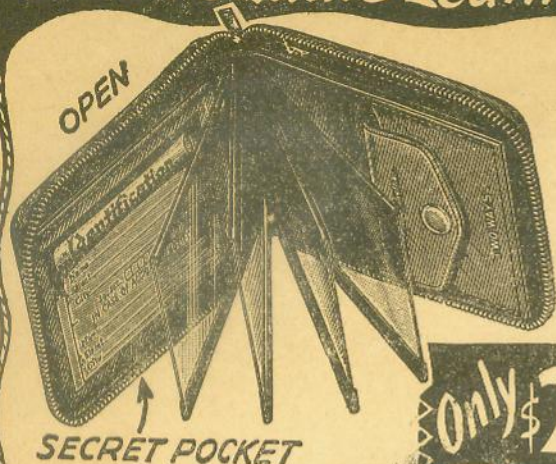
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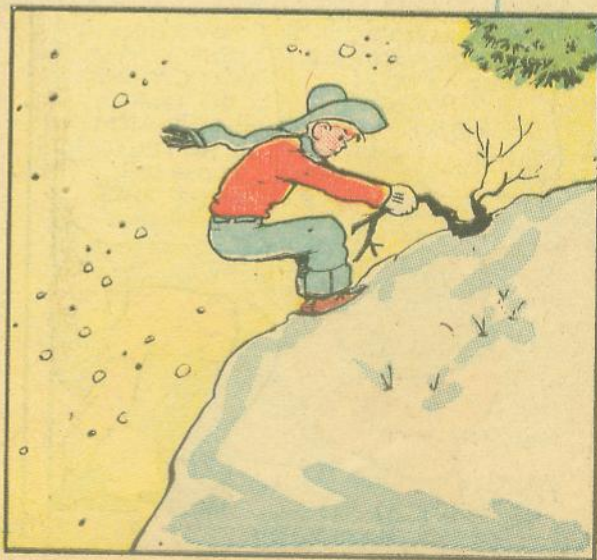
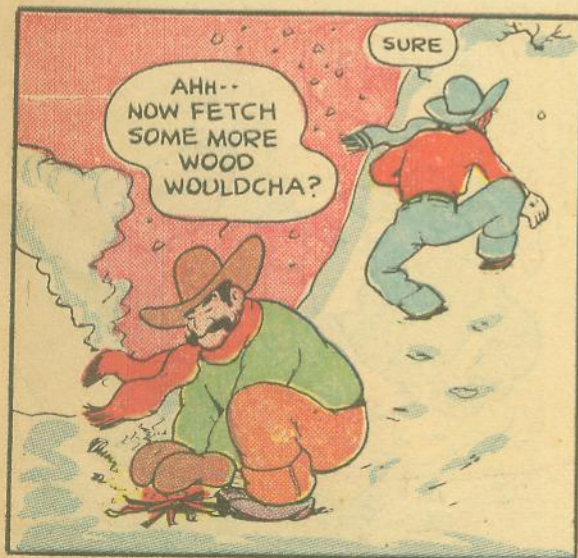
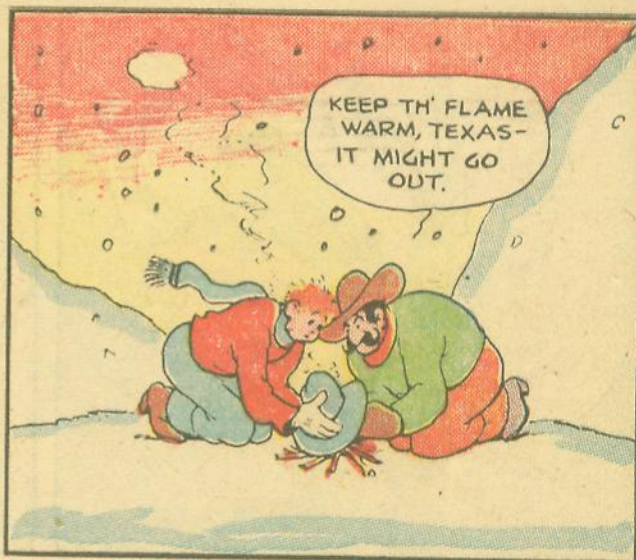
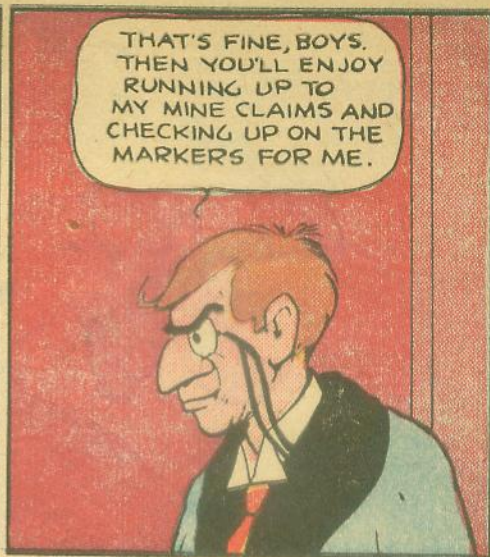
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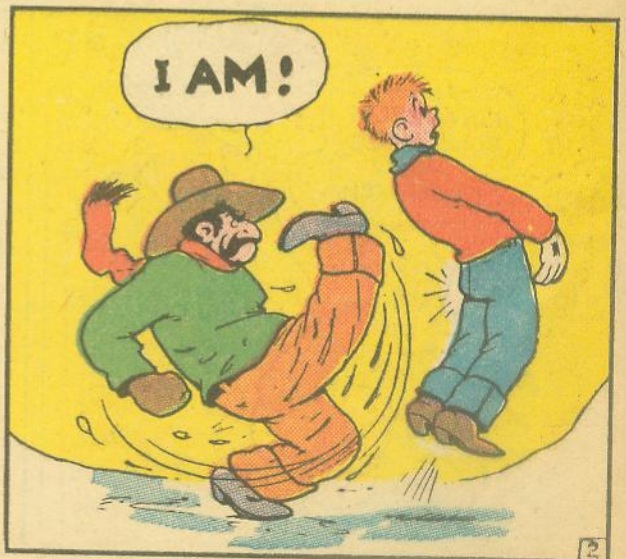
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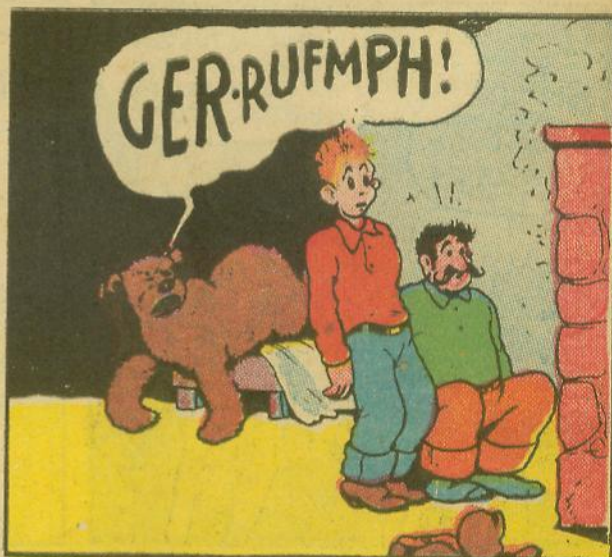
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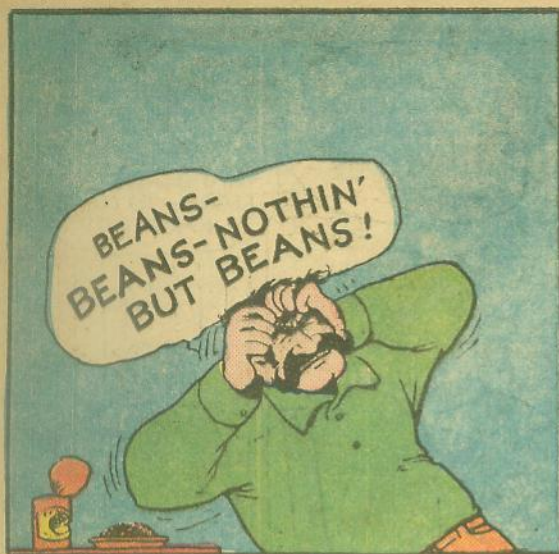
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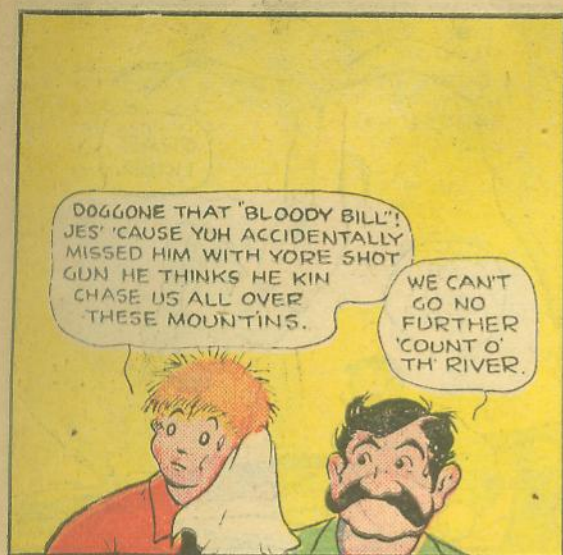


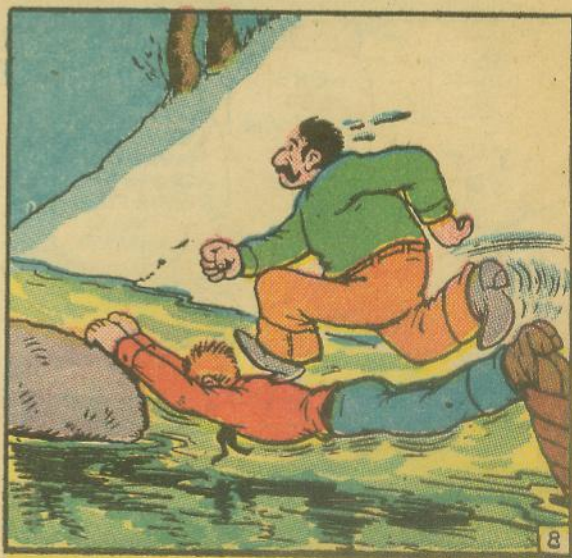
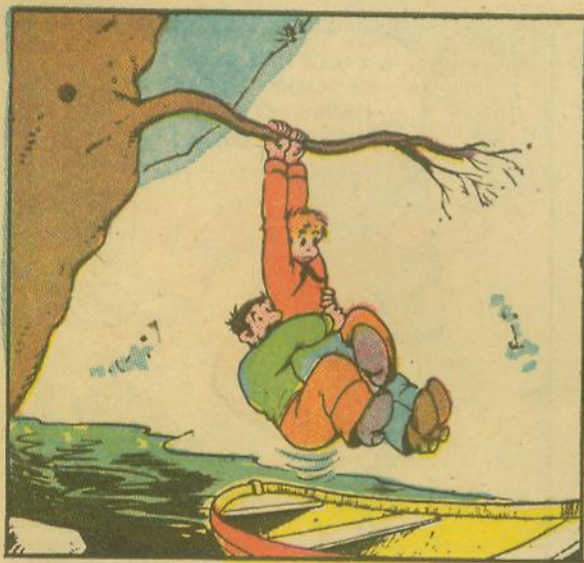


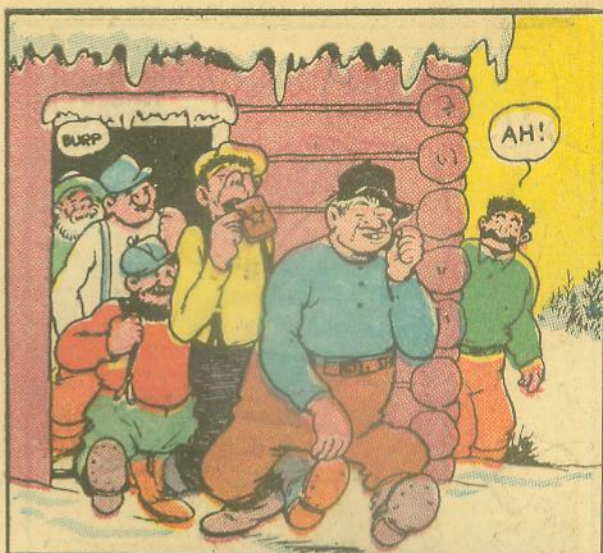




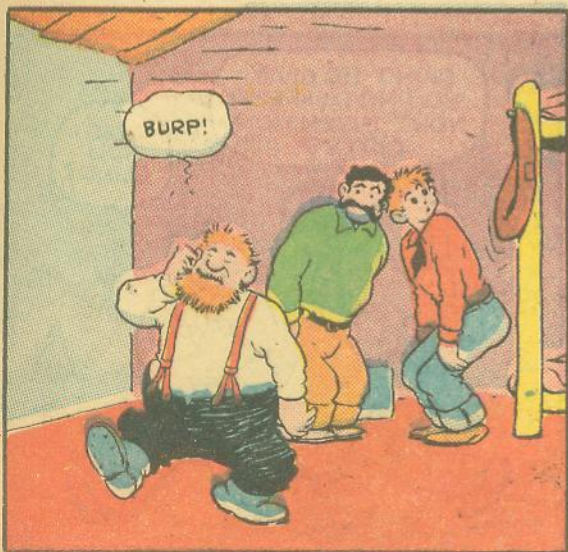
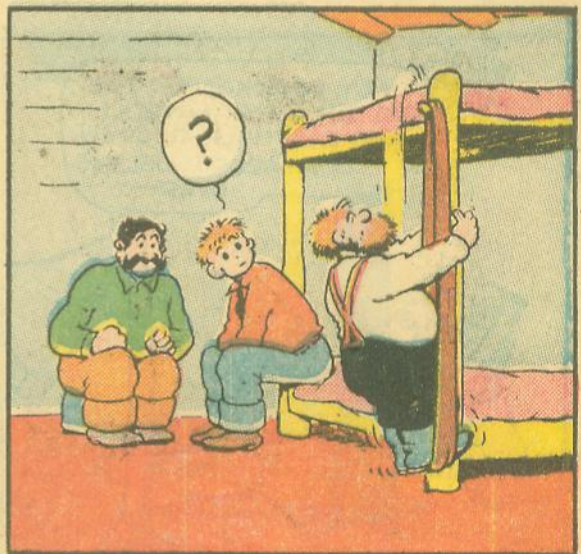
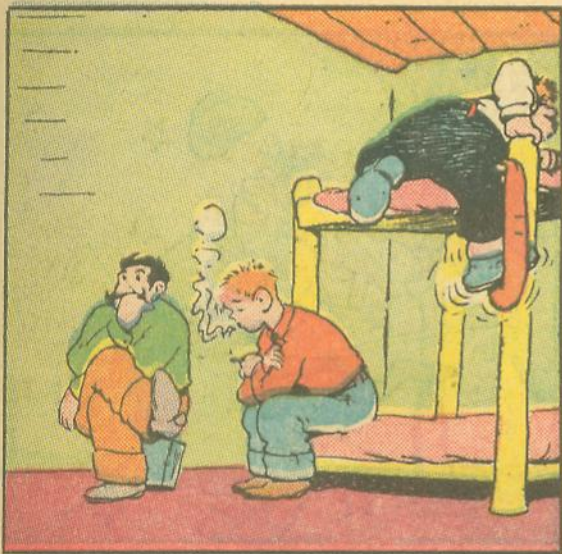
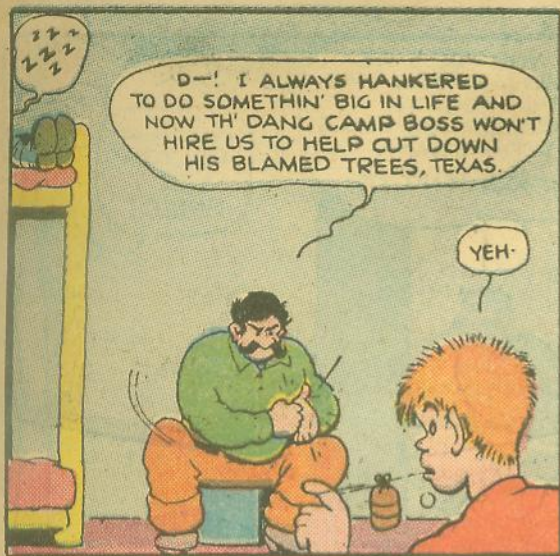


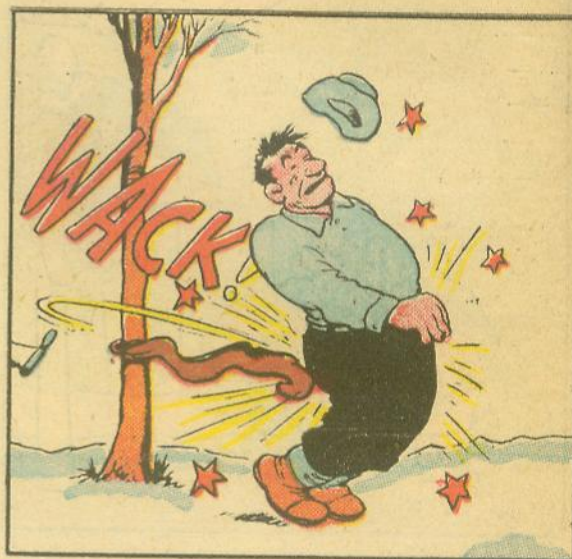


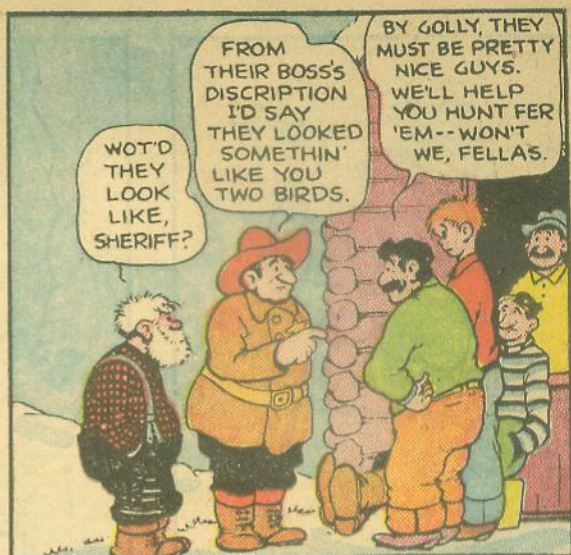


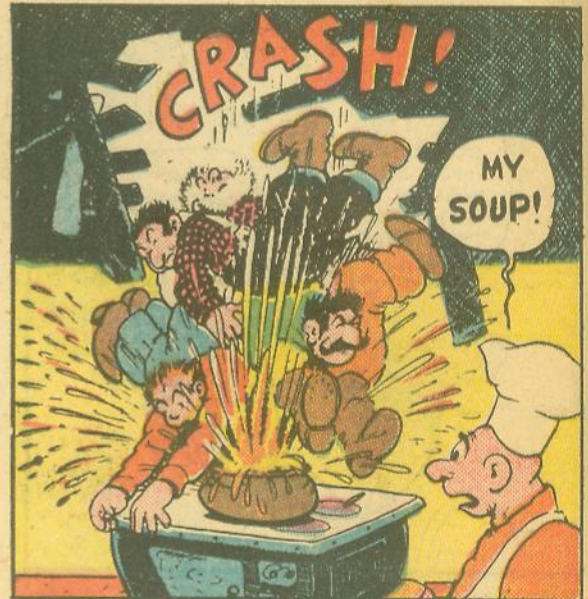
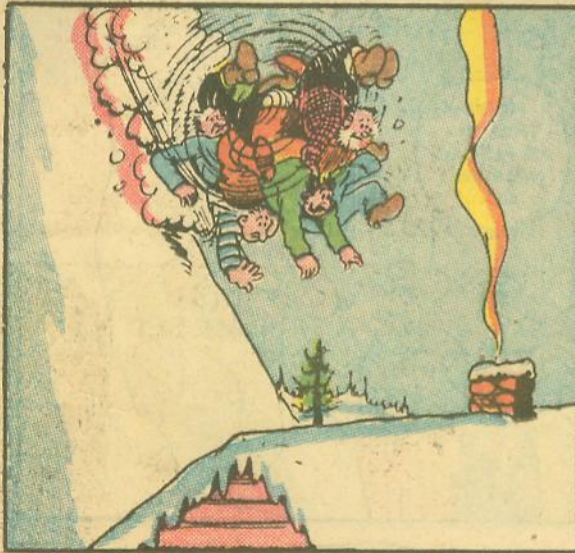
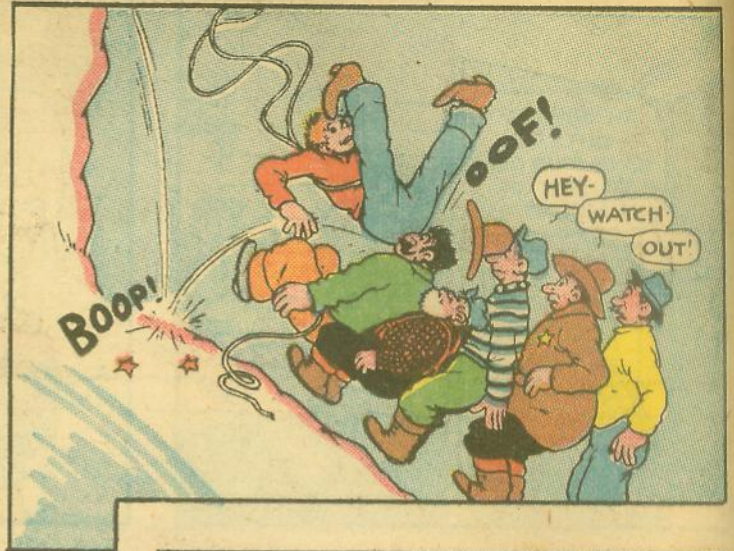


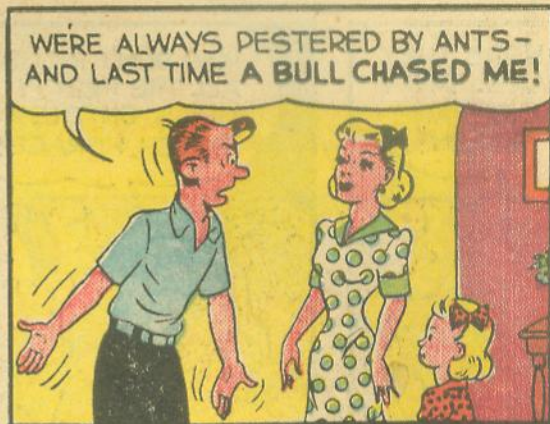


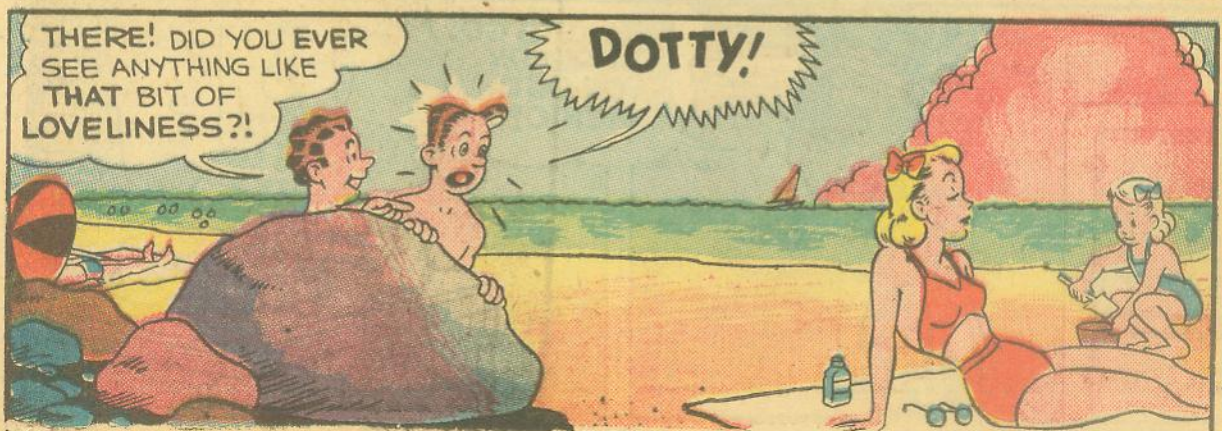
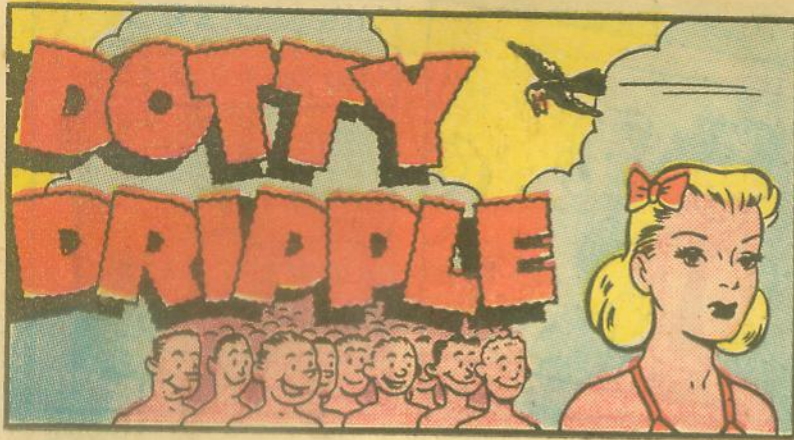












The MASQUERADER

When THE DWARF blazed a bloody trail to the election booths, Mike Cabel found himself chosen a candidate for death, and Hank Smith, the easy-going detective, in his secret identity as THE MASQUERADER, master of disguise, soon learned that hot lead has no regard for masquerade!!!



THE DWARF, SINISTER RULER OF URBAN CITY'S UNDERWORLD, CALLS ON A RIVAL GANG LEADER

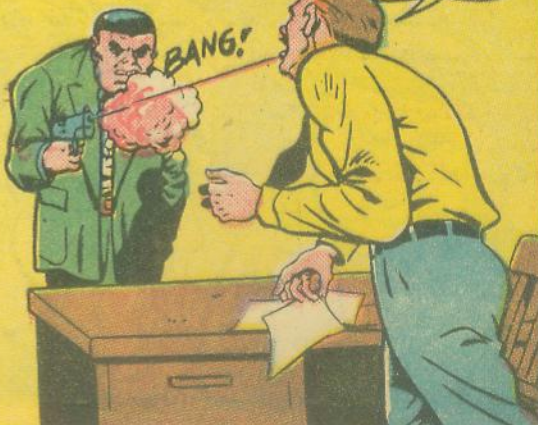
YOU AND YOUR BOYS ARE VOTING FOR MIKE CABEL TODAY!

ARE YOU CRAZY, DWARF? CABEL'S RUNNING ON A REFORM TICKET!



THE DWARF'S GIVING THE ORDERS - NOT HOLDING A FORUM!

NO, DWARF!
NO!
AGH-H-H-H!



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, AT ANOTHER RACKET HEADQUARTERS...



THAT NIGHT, AT PEOPLE'S PARTY HEADQUARTERS...



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE OFFICE OF HANK SMITH, PRIVATE DETECTIVE, NOTHING MORE EXCITING IS GOING ON THAN A GAME OF DOUBLE SOLITAIRE BETWEEN HANK AND HIS PRETTY ASSISTANT, CHRIS CARLISLE....

NOW, CHRIS, IF I HAD A QUEEN OF DIAMONDS...

HA-HA, HANK! BUT YOU HAVEN'T! YOU'RE STOPPED!!

NOW, CHRIS, YOU KNOW IT'S HANGIN' RIGHT UP HERE IN THE AIR WAITIN' FOR ME!

I QUIT! YOU AND YOUR MAGIC! ANYWAY, HERE COME UP AND ATOM--



HEY, BOSS! GUESS WHAT? CABEL GOT IN! HE'S **MAYOR**!

HUSH, UPP! QUIET, ATOM! THE PHONE'S RINGIN'!

YUP, HANK SMITH! OH, IT'S YOU, MAYOR CABEL--WELL, NOW, I SUPPOSE SO. UH-HUH! UH-HUH...TOMORRA?

SHUCKS! DARN IT! WE GOT A CASE! GET SOME SLEEP, BOYS TOMORRA WE'RE GOING TO BODYGUARD AND NURSEMAID THE MAYOR'S WIFE AND KIDS...

YA-HOO! WHADDYA MEAN "SHUCKS"? WE EAT, DON'T WE?



HERE'S THE DWARF'S HISTORY, MUGGING, FINGERPRINTS, HANK. WHAT ELSE?

A CONTAINER OF COFFEE AND SOME BENZEDRENE PILLS--I **KNEW** WE SHOULDN'T HAVE PLAYED THAT LAST GAME OF SOLITAIRE!

NEXT NIGHT...

LOOK, DWARF! THE MAYOR'S WIFE AND KIDS--WITH HANK SMITH AND HIS DOPES FOR BODYGUARDS!

A SWEET SET-UP KNIFER! FOLLOW THAT CAR!

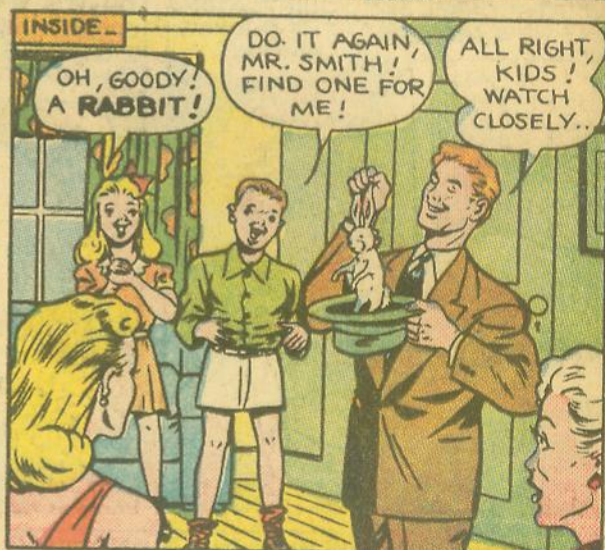


AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT DRIVE...

WELL, HERE WE ARE, MA'AM--SAFE AS A WART ON A HOP-TOAD!

WHAT POSSIBLE DANGER COULD THERE BE IN SUCH A HEAVENLY SETTING!









HERE COMES THE DWARF NOW, KNIFER! WE'D BETTER HELP HIM CARRY THAT CORPSE!

NO, STAY HERE, ROCKY. THE DWARF DON'T WANT US WATCHIN' WHEN HE DUMPS HIS VICTIMS!



NOW FOR THE REST OF THIS BUSINESS!



OKAY, KNIFER, WE'LL PICK UP THE DAME AND THE TWO KIDS!

BUT, DWARF, YOU NEVER TOLD US WHERE YOU HID 'EM!



I MEAN GO TO THE HIDEOUT! I'LL DRAG 'EM IN, WHILE YOU GUYS CLEAN UP YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS AND FOOTPRINTS!

RIGHT, DWARF, THE COPS WON'T TRAIL US FROM WHAT WE LEAVE AROUND!



AFTER KNIFER AND ROCKY HAVE ENTERED THEIR HIDEOUT-

WHERE ARE THE KIDS AND CHRIS, YOU RAT?

UH-WHA-WHO...?



MAYBE YOU NEED COAXING!

OW-W-W! HELP! KNIFER! ROCKY!!



YOU CALL US, DWARF?

GET THIS GUY OFF ME!

GET THIS GUY OFF ME!



OKAY, DWARF! WE'LL CLEAN HIM UP FAST...!

UNDER A SHOWER-OF HOT LEAD!...HEY? KNIFER! THEY'RE BOTH THE DWARF!



ONE OF YOU GUYS IS GOING TO GET RIPPED WIDE OPEN- WHEN WE FIND OUT WHICH!

HE'S THE ONE BOYS!

THERE'S YOUR MAN!



LISTEN, DOPES, THE KIDS AND DAME ARE HIDDEN IN THE CABIN ACROSS THE LAKE! THAT PROVES WHO I AM!

AND THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW!



THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME- OH MIGOSH! WE KILLED DWARF!

HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT



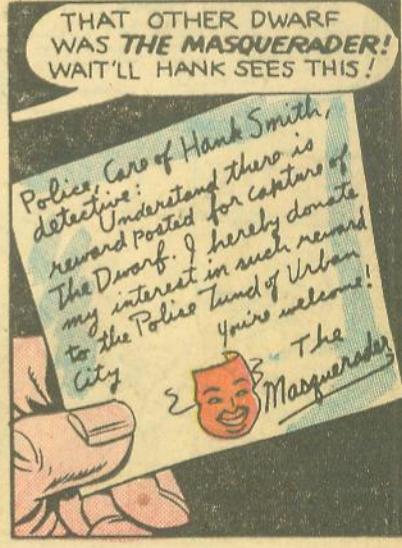
WE HEARD SOME SHOOTIN'...

AND WE THOUGHT IT WAS HANK!



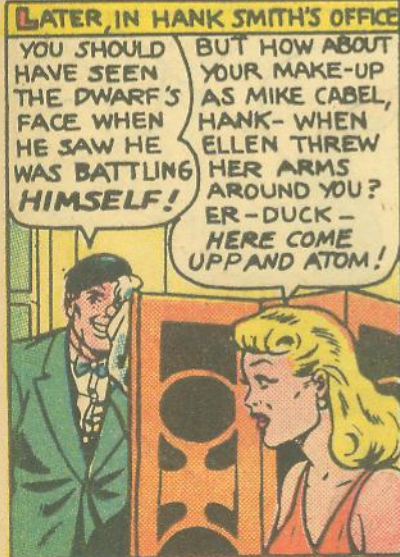
HEY, THERE WAS ANOTHER DWARF AROUND HERE! NOW HE'S GONE!

HE STUCK THAT ENVELOPE IN YOUR HAND, ATOM, AND RAN!... OPEN IT UP!



THAT OTHER DWARF WAS THE MASQUERADER! WAIT'LL HANK SEES THIS!

Police, Care of Hank Smith, detective: Understand there is reward posted for capture of The Dwarf. I hereby donate my interest in such reward to the Police Tund of Urban City. Yours welcome! The Masquerader



LATER, IN HANK SMITH'S OFFICE

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE DWARF'S FACE WHEN HE SAW HE WAS BATTLING HIMSELF!

BUT HOW ABOUT YOUR MAKE-UP AS MIKE CABEL, HANK- WHEN ELLEN THREW HER ARMS AROUND YOU? ER-DUCK- HERE COME UP AND ATOM!



SEVERAL DAYS AFTERWARD

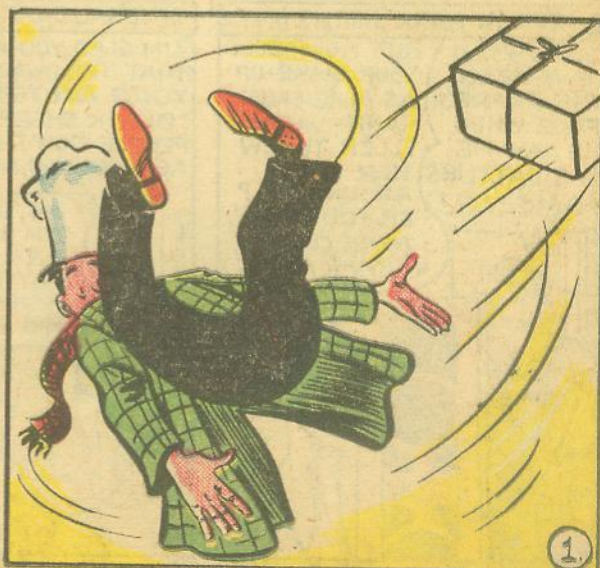
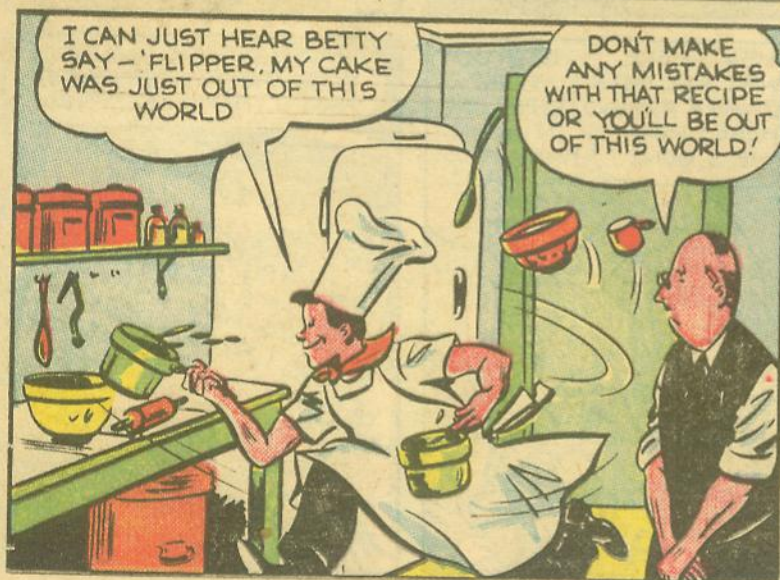
I'M GLAD YOU MADE PUBLIC THAT THE DWARF WAS YOUR BROTHER - A "BLACK SHEEP" THE PEOPLE DON'T HOLD IT AGAINST YOU, MIKE!

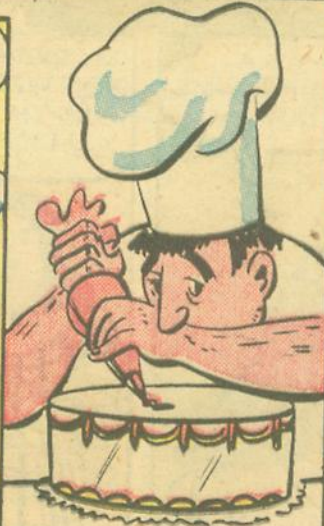
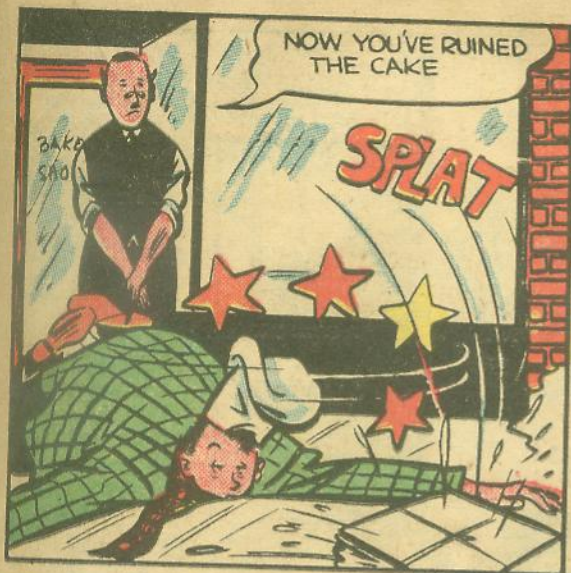
NO, THEY DON'T! I'M SO GLAD I'M EVEN GOING TO PAY THAT DOPE, HANK SMITH, FOR HIS SERVICES!

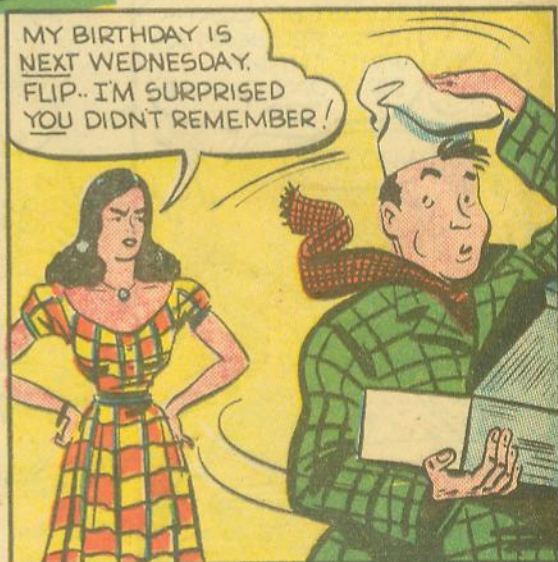


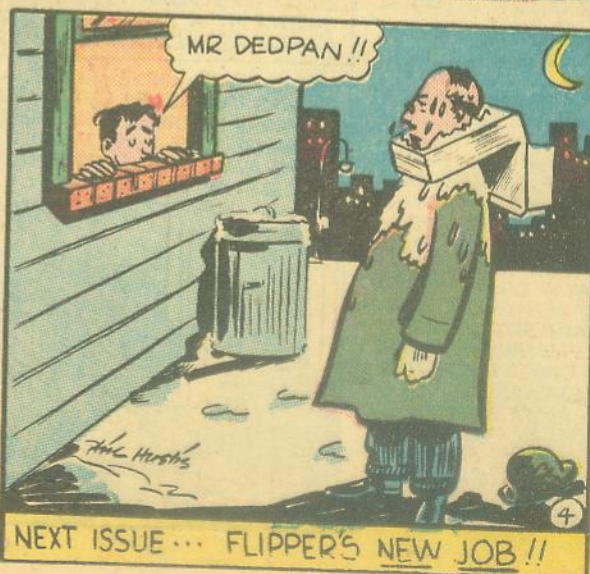
LOOK, FOLKS, WHAT IT SAYS ON THE MAYOR'S CHECK HANK ASKED ME TO CASH AT THE BANK: "FOR ENTERTAINING CHILDREN WITH MAGIC TRICKS!" HA-HA DETECTIVE HANK!

AW, SHUCKS, BOYS, IT'S LUNCH MONEY, AIN'T IT?









The

Corbair

CHAS. M. QUINLAN



WHAT STRANGE QUIRK OF FATE GUIDED THE HAND OF DESTINY UNTIL IT CAME TO REST UPON THE SHOULDER OF JONATHAN GALLANT, A BORN AND BRED SON OF THE SOIL, AND CAST HIM HEADLONG INTO A WHIRLPOOL OF AMAZING ADVENTURES ON THE HIGH SEAS? ... HOW COULD HE WITH THE MUD OF THE PLOW-SHARE STILL CLINGING TO HIS BOOTS, HOPE TO COPE WITH THE MERCILESS TACTICS OF THE MOST BLOODTHIRSTY PIRATES IN HISTORY...? TO WIN HIS FABULOUS SOBRIQUET *"The Corsair!"*

IT IS THE YEAR 1679... OUR STORY OPENS AT A SMALL TAVERN IN A BLEAK NEW ENGLAND COASTAL TOWN...

...MIND I'M TELLIN' YE IT WAS TERRIBLE! NEVER WILL THESE EYES OF MINE WIPE AWAY THE HORROR OF IT!

AYE, A CRUEL TALE IT IS YE'VE TOLD, BUT HARKEN TO WHAT I SEEN MESELF ON THE BAY OF BISCAY...!



YEAH, BY ALL MEANS, TELL US! WHAT HAPPENED ON THE BAY OF BISCAY?... I, FOR ONE, DONT BELIEVE YE'VE EVER BEEN THERE! BUT GO ON WITH YOUR LYING SAILOR TALK!



(FOR A MOMENT THE SAILORS STARE BLANKLY THEN WITH ONE ACCORD, LEAP TO THEIR FEET!)

NO BLASTED LAND-LUBBER CAN CALL JEM MACE A LIAR AND LIVE!

KILL THE SWAB!



HERE'S ONE WHO CAN AND DOES!

OW! ME ARM!



AND THAT GOES FOR YOUR STUPID CRONIES TOO!

UGH!



VERY NICE, AYE VERY WELL DONE INDEED. NOW IF YE AVE BRAINS AS WELL AS BRAWN YE'LL BE MAKIN' YERSELF SCARCE BEFORE THEY RECOVER!

NO ONE WITH ANY SENSE COULD BELIEVE SUCH ROT! MAYHAP YOUR ADVICE IS GOOD, SO, I'LL BE OFF.



HE DOES HAVE BRAINS! I BETTER FOLLOW HIM MAYBE HE'S JUST THE MAN I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR!

HOLD A MOMENT FRIEND, I WOULD A WORD WITH YOU!

OH IT'S YOU AGAIN! WHAT NOW?



YOU ARE PLAINLY NOT A MAN OF THE SEA,...WHAT-EVER PROMPTED YOU TO DOUBT THEIR STORIES AND TO SO RASHLY EXPRESS YOUR SENTIMENTS?



I'M FROM A SMALL FARM MANY MILES INLAND... ONCE EVERY YEAR SINCE CHILDHOOD I HAVE COME TO THE SEA-COAST WHEN WE BROUGHT OUR PRODUCE TO MARKET. OFTEN I OVERHEARD THE SAILORS TELLING THEIR FANTASTIC TALES OF THE SEA...



AT FIRST, I LISTENED IN OPEN-MOUTHED AMAZEMENT... BUT AS I GREW OLDER I BEGAN TO DETECT EXAGGERATIONS AND DEFINITE UNTRUTHS... FROM THEN ON ALL STORIES TOLD BY SEAMEN BECAME EXTREMELY ANNOYING!



THAT OUTBURST AT THE TAVERN WAS THE RESULT OF MY MANY YEARS OF PENT-UP RESENTMENT!



FRANKLY, I DID NOT LISTEN TO THEM TOO ATTENTIVELY AS I HEAR MANY SUCH TALES, BUT THAT ONE JEM MACE TOLD HAD THE RING OF TRUTH!

WHAT?... YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU BELIEVE SUCH NONSENSE?... THAT CIVILIZED BEINGS LIKE US CAN BE CAPABLE OF SUCH CRIMINAL VIOLENCE?



YOUNG MAN, I WILL NOT TRY TO CONVINCE YOU. INSTEAD I OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!... MY NAME IS STEPHAN PORTER. DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

NO... I CAN'T SAY THAT IT DOES. HOWEVER I AM GLAD TO KNOW YOU... I AM JONATHAN GALLANT. NOW, ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY...



YONDER SHIP SAILS WITH THE TIDE IN THE MORNING... BOUND FOR THE CARIBBEAN! ON HER RETURN TRIP SHE WILL CARRY A VERY VALUABLE CARGO!

I NEED A MAN OF YOUR CALIBER TO SEE THAT IT REACHES PORT SAFELY. FOR YOUR SERVICES YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE HUNDRED POUNDS!

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS!



VERY WELL MR. PORTER, I ACCEPT!

GOOD! COME THEN, WE WILL GO ABOARD AND ARRANGE FOR YOUR PASSAGE!



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...

AFTER A PRACTICALLY UNEVENTFUL VOYAGE... OTHER THAN THE THRILL OF STRANGE SURROUNDINGS, GETTING USED TO THE ROLL AND PITCH OF THE DECK, THE CREAK OF ROPE AND SAIL UNDER STRESS OF THE WIND AND A MYRIAD OF UNUSUAL SMELLS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH... JONATHAN GALLANT ARRIVES AT HIS DESTINATION... PORT OF TRINIDAD IN THE CARIBBEAN!





QUITE A CHANGE FROM NEW ENGLAND, EH, LAD? WHY DON'T YE GO ASHORE AND LOOK ABOUT? 'TILL BE HOURS AFORE WE LOAD THE RETURN CARGO!

THANKS FOR THE SUGGESTION, SKIPPER... I BELIEVE I WILL. BUT HONESTLY I WAS ENJOYING MYSELF RIGHT HERE... JUST WATCHING THE CREW!

WAIT!... YE'D BEST TAKE THESE ALONG. NOTHING LIKE HAVING A SWORD AND PISTOL IN STRANGE PORTS! THEY HELP A MAN TO GET RESPECT!

AYE, I'LL WEAR THEM BUT I'LL NOT HAVE ANY TROUBLE- I'LL BE TOO BUSY SEEING THE SIGHTS!

AS JONATHAN STROLLS ALONG THE ROUGH COBBLED QUAY, HE REMINISCES ON THE ODD CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT BROUGHT HIM TO THIS SLEEPY WEST INDIAN PORT

...A HUNDRED POUNDS! THAT'S MORE THAN I COULD EARN IN TWO YEARS AT HOME... AND ACCORDING TO THE CAPTAIN MR. PORTER IS THE RICHEST SHIP-OWNER IN THE COLONIES!

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I SHOULD TAKE COMMAND OF THE SHIP IF THE CARGO SHOULD BE IN DANGER? ..I'M NOT A SEAMAN-HE KNOWS THAT!!!

IN HIS REVERIE, JONATHAN DOES NOT NOTICE A PAIR OF SWARTHY INDIVIDUALS WATCHING HIM FURTIVELY!

LOOK, JUAN! THAT ONE! SEE HOW HE WEARS HIS WEAPONS! HE IS INDEED A CORSAIR!

QUEEK, WE MUST FOLLOW HEEM AND LEARN WHAT SHIP BUYS HIS SERVICES!



TWO HOURS LATER AT THE BARRACUDA INN... A FAVORITE RENDEZVOUS OF THE WORST CUT-THROATS OF THE SEVEN SEAS.

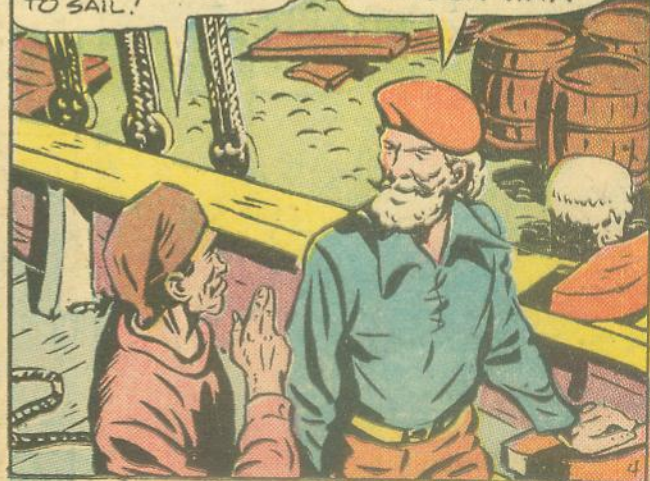
MEET WAS TO THE 'SILVER SPRAY' HE WENT, A BEEG FINE SHEEP! WEETH MUCH CARGO!

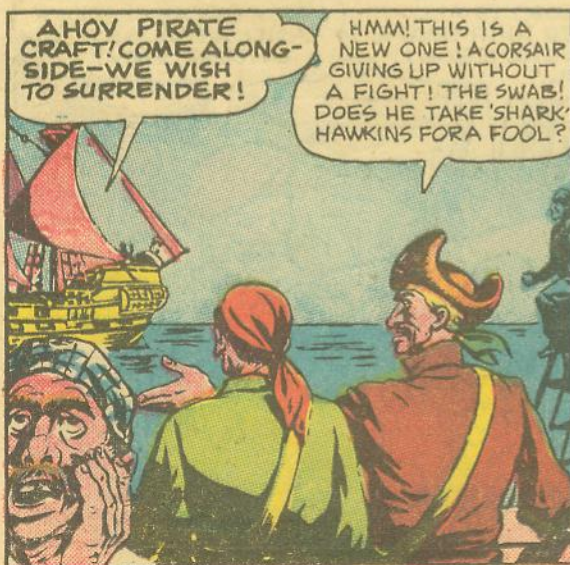
THE 'SILVER SPRAY' IT BELONGS TO THE PORTER FLEET. YE HAVE DONE WELL... HERE'S YOUR PAY. BE OFF WITH YE!



THE CARGO IS ALL STOWED SHIP SHAPE, SIR, WE'RE READY TO SAIL!

VERY GOOD, CAST OFF AND WE'LL GET UNDER WAY!





BUT WHAT IS THIS? HAVE THE PIRATES TAKEN THE BAIT OR IS THE UNTRIED COR-SAIR TO BE THE VICTIM OF HIS OWN STRATEGY?

LIVELY, YE SCUM..OVER THE SIDE AND INTO THE LONGBOATS!.. HO-HO-HO.. WE'LL SHOW THE BLASTED SWAB!



UNSEEN BY CAPTAIN GALLANT AND THE CREW OF THE "SILVER SPRAY" THE WILY "SHARK" AND HIS CUT-THROATS SWARM OVER THE OFFSIDE OF THEIR SHIP AS IT SWEEPS IN CLOSER AND CLOSER!

AS SOON AS THEY OPEN FIRE LOWER AWAY! WE'LL BOARD 'EM UNDER COVER OF THE SMOKE ON THEIR UNDEFENDED STARBOARD RAIL!



THEN THE SHIPS ALMOST TOUCH!

FIRE!



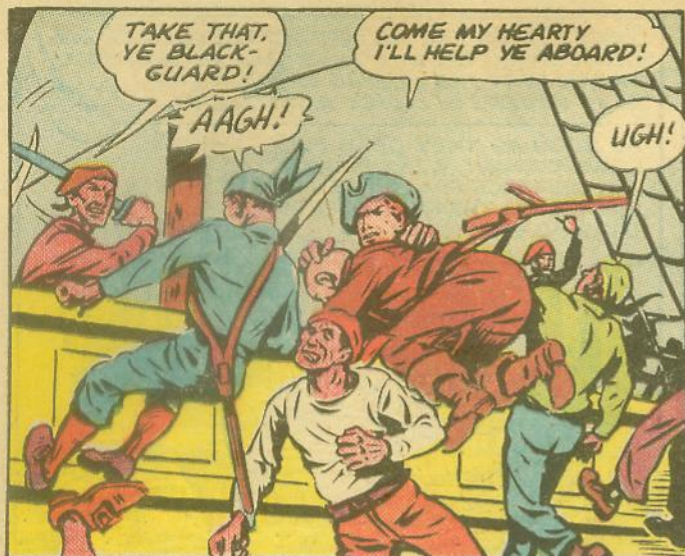
DON'T MOVE 'TIL I TELL YE TO... AND REMEMBER NO QUARTER!



CROUCHING JUST BENEATH THEIR VICTIMS GUN'S THE PIRATES TENSELY AWAIT THE WORD TO ATTACK!

NOW!





TAKE THAT, YE BLACK-GUARD!

COME MY HEARTY I'LL HELP YE ABOARD!

AAGH!

UGH!

SO VIOLENT IS THE UNEXPECTED AMBUSH, THAT ALMOST THE ENTIRE PIRATE BOARDING PARTY IS WIPED OUT!

FOLLOW ME, MEN! IT'S OUR TURN TO BOARD THEIR BOAT, NOW!



THE FEW REMAINING PIRATES LEFT ON THAT LUCKLESS CRAFT GIVE UP WITH VERY LITTLE URGING!

ALL RIGHT, MATE. YOU ARE IN COMMAND HERE NOW... WE'RE TAKING IT ALONG TO BE RETURNED TO IT'S RIGHTFUL OWNERS!

AYE AYE, SIR!



A FEW MINUTES LATER... BACK ON BOARD THE "SILVER SPRAY"

'E SAYS 'IS NAME IS "SHARK" 'AWK-INS AND WE CAN ALL GO TO BLAZES! ... SHALL WE SWING 'IM SIR?

NO, WE'LL TURN HIM OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES FOR TRIAL! ... PUT HIM IN IRONS



JUST A MINUTE, LAD, I BEAR YE NO ILL... YE OUTSMARTED ME REAL CLEVER... BUT ANSWER ME ONE QUESTION!



HOW DID YE KNOW WE WERE USING THE LONG-BOATS TO BOARD YE ON YER STARBOARD?

WELL, I KNEW YOU WOULD SUSPECT A TRAP WHEN I OFFERED TO SURRENDER... SO I FIGURED WHAT I WOULD DO IF I WERE IN YOUR POSITION... AND ACTED ACCORDINGLY!



AYE, THAT WAS VERY CLEVER STRATEGY, JON. YE MADE GRAND SHOWING! MR. PORTER WILL BE PROUD OF YE! ... BUT WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF PIRATE WATER AHEAD!

YOU KNOW, SKIPPER, I'M JUST BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT COLLECTING THAT HUNDRED POUNDS MAY TURN OUT TO BE A BIGGER JOB THAN I EXPECTED!



HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, JON GALLANT... AND IT ALL HAPPENS WHEN YOU AND A MOST UNUSUAL BUCCANEER HAVE ANOTHER THRILLING ENCOUNTER... IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

GERTIE O'GRADY



GERTIE O'GRADY

I'M BARNHAM B. BILLINGS!
MRS. MCGINTY SENT ME
OVER -- I UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
BOARDERS!

OH, YES! SHE
TOLD ME YOU
ARE IN THE
SHOW BUSINESS
-- HOW MANY
ARE IN YOUR
TROUPE?

LET'S SEE - THERE'S
DOLLY, DAN, PEGGY,
STANLEY, DAVEY,
DOT, MARY LOU,
ORIN, JUDY AND
JOEY - THAT MAKES
TEN. HOW MUCH
WILL YOU CHARGE
TO FEED THEM?

FOR THAT MANY,
YOU CAN GET A
REDUCED PRICE!
BY THE WEEK,
IT'LL COST YOU
\$4.50 APIECE TO
BOARD THEM HERE!

O.K., IT'S A DEAL! AND
TO CLINCH IT - HERE'S A
CHECK FOR THE FIRST
WEEK - I'LL BE BACK WITH
THE GANG FOR SUPPER!

I'M SURE ON THE
ROAD TO SUCCESS NOW
-- THE FIRST STEP IS
TO PHONE THE GROCER
AND HAVE HIM RUSH
THIS ORDER OVER!

BOY!
THIS IS
BIG BUSINESS -
I'M GONNA MAKE
A FAT PROFIT
OUT OF THIS
DEAL!

THAT'S PROBABLY
MR. BILLINGS AND
HIS ACTORS AT
THE DOOR NOW!

RAP!
RAP!

IT'S ME, SISTER --
BARNHAM B. BILLINGS!
WHEN DO WE EAT?
WELL, DON'T JUST
STAND THERE -- WE
GOTTA GET BACK
FOR TH' EVENING
PERFORMANCE!

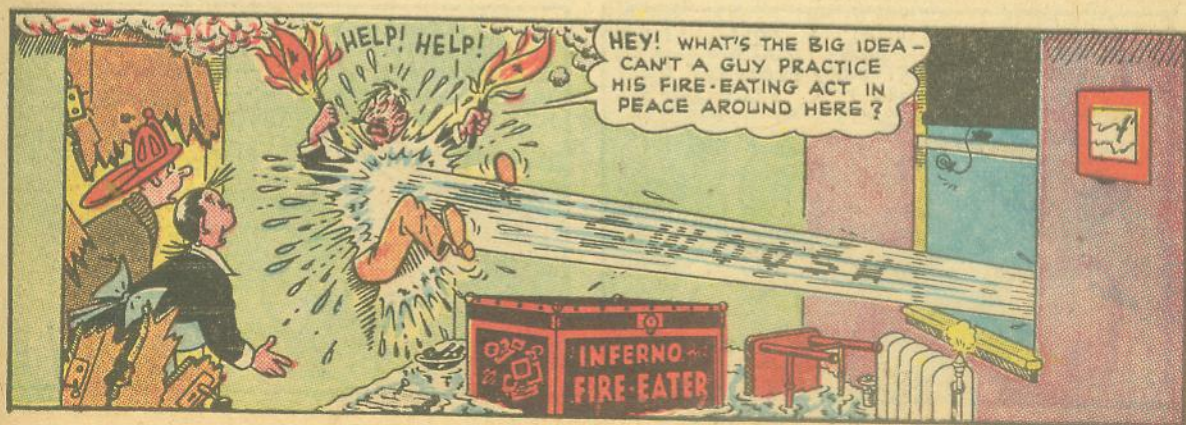
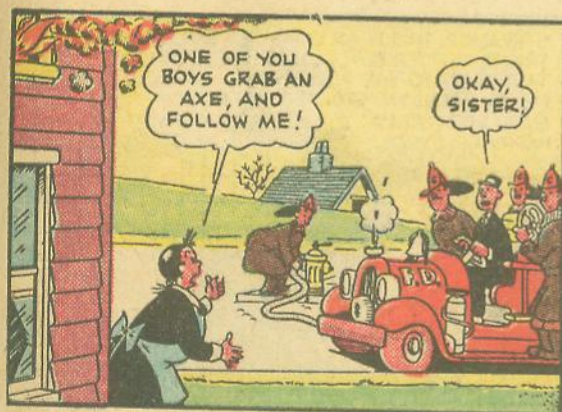
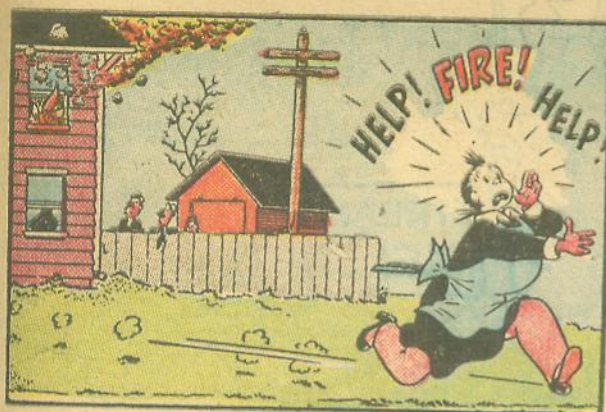
B
BARNHAM
B. BILLINGS
and his
TROUPE of TRAINED
BIG SHOTS

GERTIE O'GRADY

by PAUL
MCARTHY

HEY, GERTIE! - THERE'S
SURE SOME EXCITEMENT
OUT IN FRONT - - YOUR
HOUSE IS ON FIRE !!

WHAT?



STREAMER KELLY

by JACK RYAN



STREAMER
KELLY



NEW
YEAR'S EVE!!
WHAT A NIGHT
TO HAVE TO WORK.
HM-M-M.' WHO'S
THE BIG LUG
COMING IN WITH
GAEL?

HYA,
SMOKE
EATER!



STREAMER, THIS IS AN OLD
FRIEND OFFICER BOYLE. HE'S
TAKING ME TO THE POLICE-
MEN'S BALL. WE STOPPED
BY TO WISH YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BULLDOG
BOYLE!!
POLICE
HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMP!



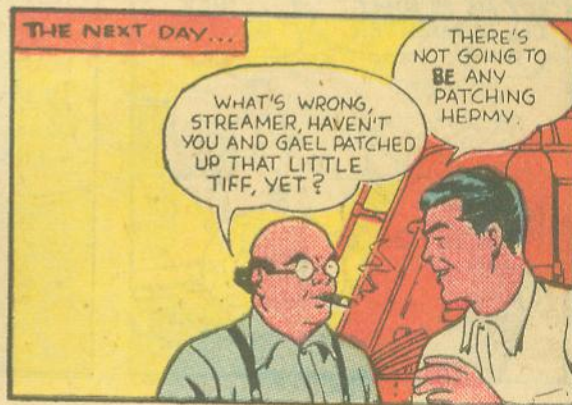
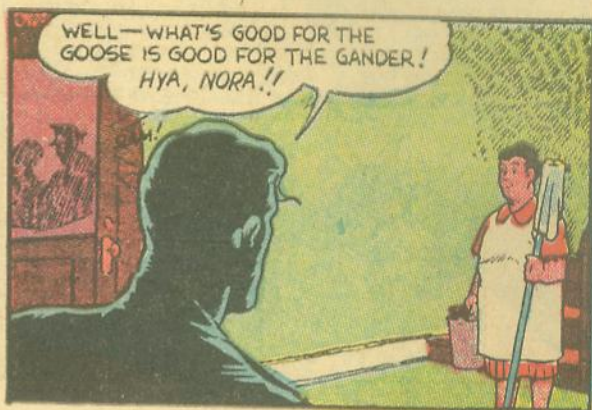
SO THIS IS THE GREAT
KELLY, EH? THE FIREMAN
WHO IS ALWAYS GETTING
HIS FINGERS BURNED
PLAYING
DETECTIVE!

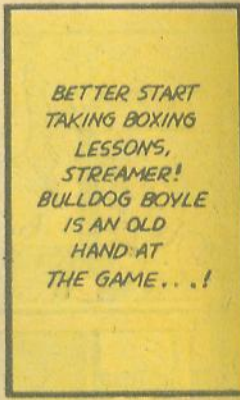
WHY,
YOU BIG
FLATFOOT,
I'LL—



BOYS!! PLEASE—
. STREAMER, I'M
ASHAMED OF YOU!
BULLDOG WAS
JUST KIDDING!

BUT, GAEL, I FIGURED
YOU AND I WERE— AH—
WELL— GOING STEADY!







COULD
BE,
STREAMER
!!



MEANWHILE, AT GEORGE'S GYM, STREAMER IS BUSY LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SELF DEFENCE.

GEORGE, IT'D TAKE ME SIX MONTHS TO LEARN HOW TO BOX SCIENTIFICALLY. WHEN I MEET BOYLE I'M GOING IN THERE SWINGING.

PIPE DOWN! NOW LET'S TRY THAT CROSS PUNCH AGAIN.



KEEP YOUR LEFT UP, KID!
KEEP YOUR LEFT UP!!



SEE ?? YOU'RE WIDE OPEN FOR MY RIGHT.



WHEN YOU THROW A PUNCH ALWAYS USE THE OTHER ARM TO GUARD YOURSELF. DON'T DROP IT!!

WELL, NOW, AIN'T DAT JUST TOO CUTE FER WOIDS!



BULLDOG BOYLE!

WHO LET YOU IN, BOYLE? GETTIN' WORRIED, EH? AFRAID KELLY'S GOING TO LEARN HOW TO TAME THE BULLDOG NEXT WEEK!

QUIT TOOTIN' YOUR HORN, GEORGE. I JUST THOUGHT I'D FIND A COUPLE OF SUCKERS AROUND HERE WILLIN' TO BET ON YOUR PRETTY PUPIL!

PUT UP YOUR DOUGH, BOYLE! I'LL COVER IT—AND NO ODDS!!

GEORGE!! DON'T—YOU'RE—

500 BUCKS OR NOTHIN'!



I'VE ONLY GOT \$250, BUT I'LL RAISE THE DIFFERENCE.

I DON'T USUALLY BET, GEORGE, BUT I'LL GET THE REST OF THE MONEY—MY SHARE OF THE WINNINGS GOES INTO THE BENEFIT FUND!

IF YOU WIN! HA.

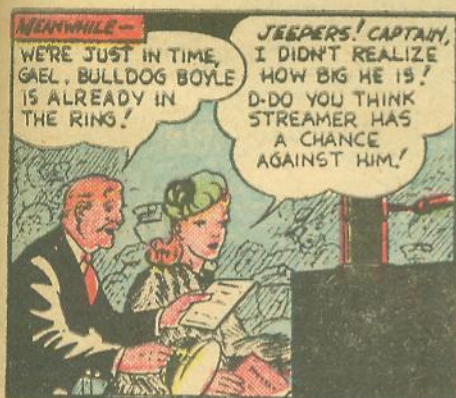
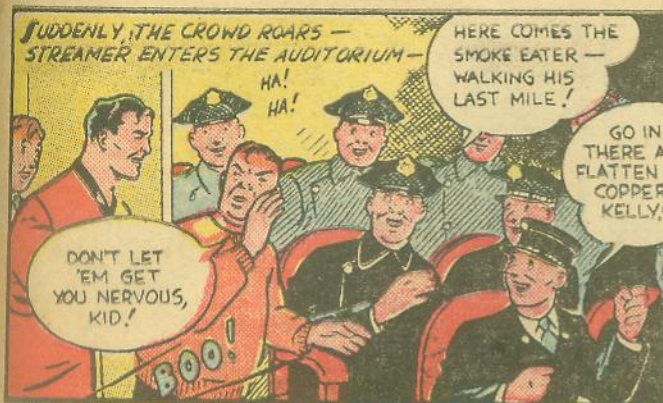


THE NEXT DAY

NOW JUST FORGET THAT CROWD OUT THERE AND CONCENTRATE ON FIGHTING BULLDOG. THE GUY THAT STOLE YOUR GAL

COME ON! THEY'RE WAITING FOR US—LET'S GO!





WHY THAT'S THE MONEY HE'S BEEN SAVING FOR OUR—I MEAN HIS HOME WHEN HE GOT MARRIED!

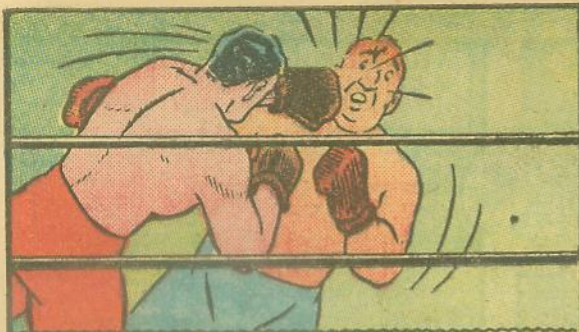


BULLDOG, ANXIOUS TO END THE FIGHT IN A HURRY, RUSHES AT STREAMER!

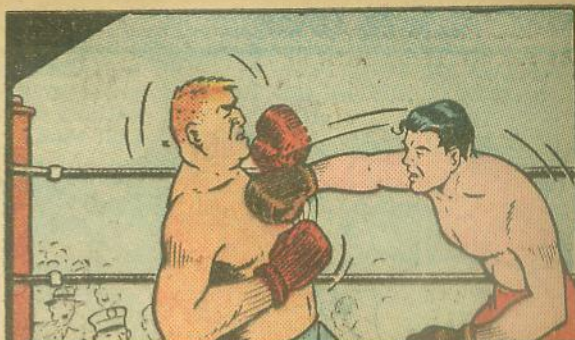


SIDE STEPPING, WEAVING, AND BOBBING, KELLY KEEPS OUT OF BULLDOG'S REACH AND WAITS FOR HIS CHANCE. SUDDENLY, HE CATCHES BOYLE ON THE CHIN WITH A VICIOUS RIGHT.





AS BOYLE CRINGES FROM THE BLOW, STREAMER PUMMELS HIM WITH LEFTS AND RIGHTS.



THE RING WISE POLICEMAN QUICKLY RECOVERS— AND, AS STREAMER DROPS HIS GUARD—



THOUGHT YOU HAD ME, EH, KELLY?

SWISH!



EIGHT— NINE—

HA! HA!

CLANG!

SAVED BY THE BELL!

STREAMER IS DRAGGED TO HIS CORNER!



HERE! TAKE A WHIFF OF THIS— YOU'LL BE OKAY!

WH-WHERE AM I? WHERE'S THAT COP!?



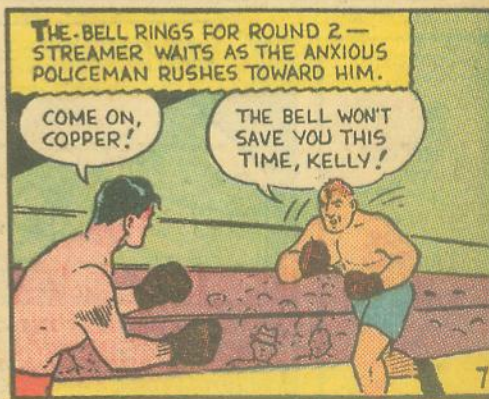
GAEL RUSHES TO THE RING SIDE—

STREAMER!!



OH, STREAMER, YOU'RE HURT— STOP NOW BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!

HE'LL HAVE TO GET HIS GUN TO DO THAT! WATCH MY SMOKE IN THIS ROUND!



THE BELL RINGS FOR ROUND 2— STREAMER WAITS AS THE ANXIOUS POLICEMAN RUSHES TOWARD HIM.

COME ON, COPPER!

THE BELL WON'T SAVE YOU THIS TIME, KELLY!



QUICKLY, STREAMER PLACES THE PALMS OF HIS HANDS ON THE SMALL OF BULLDOG'S BACK— THEN SWINGS FORWARD SLOWLY.



MEANWHILE, AT THE RINGSIDE, CHIEF GRAYDON ISSUES AN ORDER

CALL THE RESCUE SQUAD, HERMY, AN' TELL 'EM TO HURRY!!

OKAY, CHIEF.

GET UP, KELLY I'LL TAKE CARE OF BOYLE — GET SOME CLOTHES ON BEFORE YOU PASS OUT, TOO.

I'M NOT MOVING UNTIL BULLDOG LEAVES THIS RING — ON HIS OWN FEET —

OR ON A STRETCHER.

THERE! HE'S COMING TO!

THE RESCUE SQUAD IS HERE WITH THE INHALATOR!

M-M-MF

A FEW MINUTES OF THIS AND HE'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW.

HE HAD ME SCARED FOR A WHILE — I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD!

TAKE THAT MASK OFF ME AND LET ME UP — I'M OKAY NOW — I MUST BE GETTIN' SOFT LETTIN' THAT SMOKE EATER PUT ME TO SLEEP.

CONGRATULATIONS, KELLY. I GUESS I NEEDED A HEALTHY WALLOP TO KNOCK SOME OF THAT COCKINESS OUT OF ME.

I'VE ALWAYS SAID, "IT TAKES A GOOD FIGHT TO START A REAL FRIENDSHIP." WHAT SAY WE RUN OVER TO THE FIRE HOUSE FOR A CUP OF TEA.

FIRE FAX



THE SPANNER STRAP

THE SPANNER STRAP IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF AN ENGINE MAN'S EQUIPMENT AND MUST BE ALWAYS WORN WHEN WORKING AT FIRES. IT AIDS THE FIREMAN WHEN HOLDING THE PIPE AND IS USED TO CARRY CHARGED AND NON-CHARGED LINE UP A LADDER, STAIRWAY, FIRE ESCAPE, ETC.



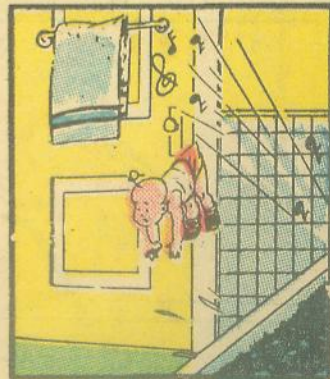
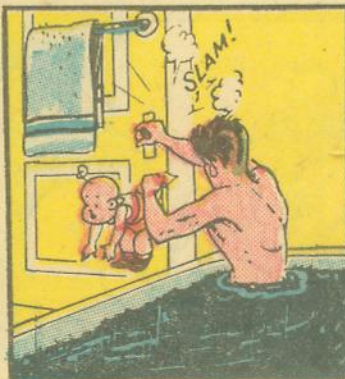
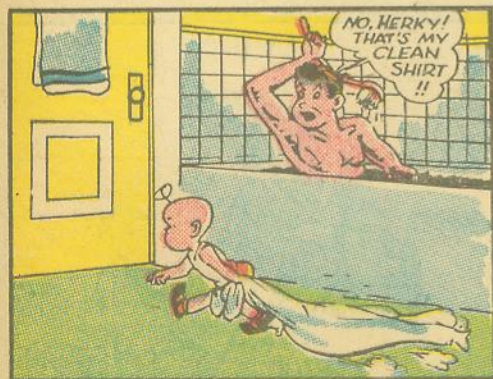
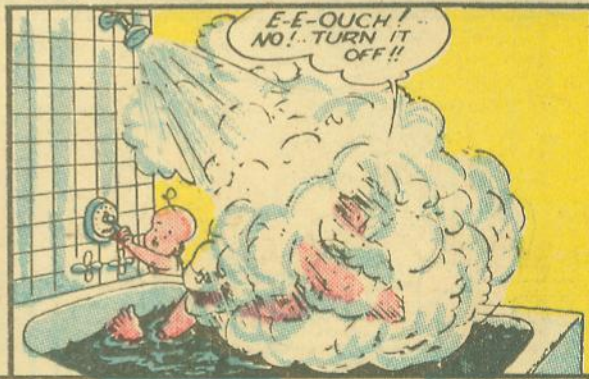
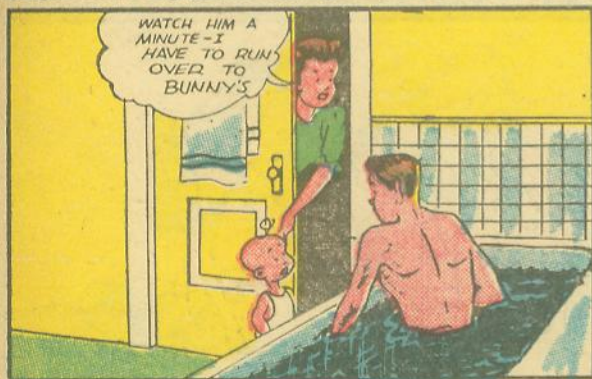
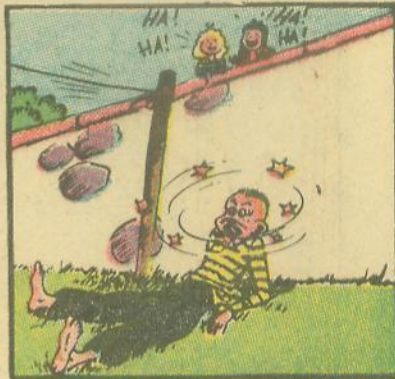
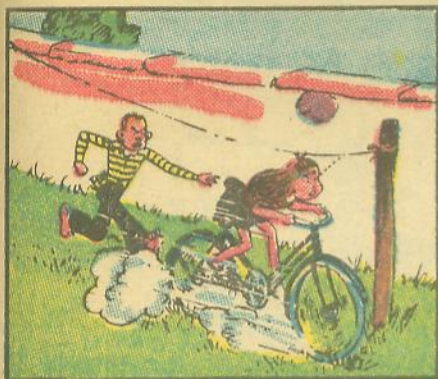
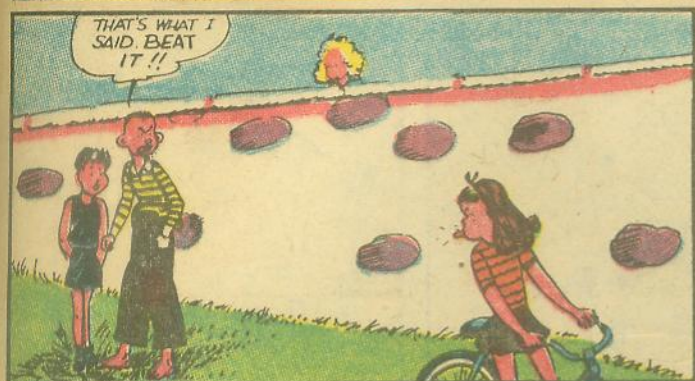
THE SPANNER STRAP IS CARRIED OVER THE RIGHT SHOULDER WITH THE SPANNER IRON PASSING THROUGH THE RING AND INSERTED IN THE LEFT POCKET. THIS PREVENTS THE SPANNER IRON FROM GETTING HOOKED ON ANYTHING WHILE ASCENDING OR DESCENDING LADDERS, FIRE ESCAPES, ETC.



WHEN ORDERED TO "STRAP IN" THE FIREMAN LEANS FORWARD AND LOWERS THE SPANNER IRON ON THE LADDER RUNG. HE PERFORMS THIS OPERATION WITHOUT THE USE OF HIS HANDS THUS ENABLING HIM TO KEEP A FIRM GRASP ON THE LADDER AT ALL TIMES.

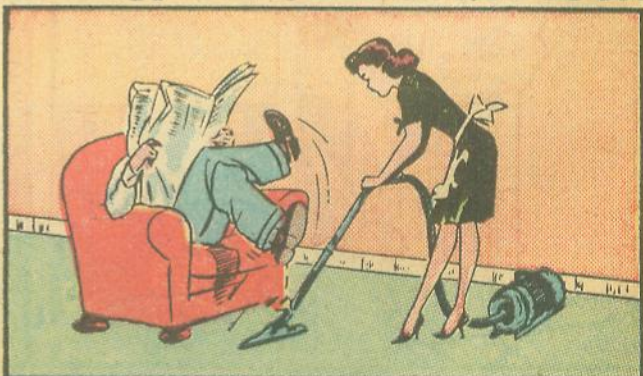
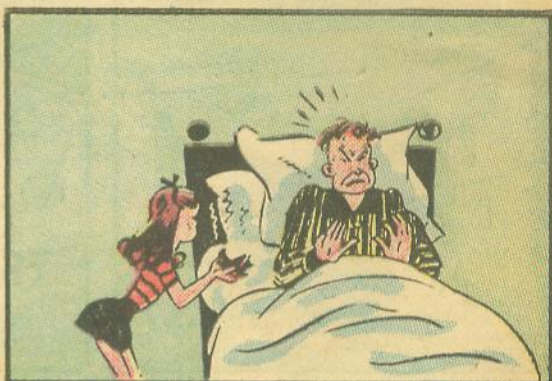
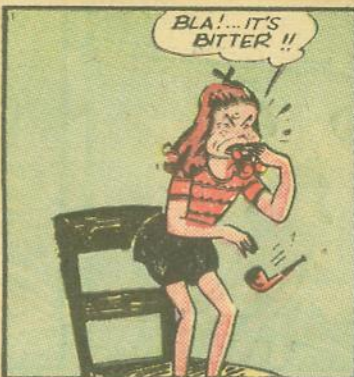
Sissy

by WOOD
COWAN



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